

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the 2 paragraphs at page 8, lines 14-19 as follows:

~~An object of the invention is to provide a remote access system and method which overcomes the deficiencies of the prior art.~~

~~Another object of the invention is to provide a remote access system and method which provides an open application standard for client access to the host computer~~

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 21-24 as follows:

~~Further objects and advantages of the invention will be brought out in the following portions of the specification, wherein~~ It is understood that the following detailed description is for the purpose of fully disclosing the preferred embodiment of the invention without placing limitations thereon.

Please amend the paragraph at page 11, lines 1-6 as follows:

Referring first to FIG. 1, there is shown a block diagram of a remote access system 10 suitable for use with the present invention. The system 10 comprises a main web server 12, a database server 14, an account creation server 16, and a plurality of user server modules (generally designated 18) each coupled to the other devices 12, 14, 16, ~~18~~ via a network connection 20.

Please amend the paragraph at page 19, lines 11-24 as follows:

Referring now to FIG. 4, as well as FIG. 1 through FIG. 3, there is shown a block diagram of a user server module 18 according to the present invention. User server modules 22 through 28 are configured substantially as user server module 18 described herein. User server modules 22 through 28 differ from each other in that the data formatted communicated to the remote access device according to the remote access device type and as defined in the document templates described below. In its ~~most~~ broadest description, the user server module 18 provides a user of a remote access device ~~to access to~~ data on a base device via an open standard remote access platform such a web browser. The user server module 18 also provides means for formatting data according to the device type of the remote access device. In addition, the user server module 18 provides a secure means for retrieving requested information from the base device via requests which are initiated by the base device, rather than by the user server module 18.

Please amend the paragraph at page 24, lines 4-12 as follows:

If the base device 42 does not maintain a full-time Internet connection, further processing may be required to establish a communication between the Sili server 30 and the base device 42 over the Internet. The Sili server 30 may readily determine whether a particular base device 42 maintains a full time Internet connection by checking whether the base device 42 communicates ~~period~~ periodic "job request" commands as described above. Where the base device 42 does not maintain a full-time connection to the Internet, the invention provides means for signaling the base device 42 to establish an Internet connection and connect to the Sili server 30.

Please amend the paragraph at page 18, lines 6-14 as follows:

The load balancing module 52 carries out an enhanced user server module designation algorithm which overcomes disadvantages in the prior art. Prior art load balancing allocates resources on a request by request basis without regard to the who is making the request, and therefore resources of a plurality of machines may be delegated to a single user. In contrast, the load balancing module 52 allocates user server module designation on a user by user basis, rather than based on requests. Thus, a user is designated a particular user server module 18. Requests made by the same user are directed to the same user server module during a "session" defined for the user.